

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR READERS:—When I wrote you last, I was at New Enterprise, Pa. There I succeeded in organizing a society of forty members. Of the twenty societies I have organized, this is the largest. They took hold of the work willingly, and so far as I heard, there was not a single one who said "We cannot afford to send twenty cents per member each year, away from the home church."

The next point I visited was the wide-awake little church of Pittsburg, under care of brother D. J. Bole. There they have a large and interesting Sunday-school, a K. C. and a Y. P. S. C. E. There they had a Ladies Aid Society, but after presenting the interests of the S. S. C. E. and discussing it with them, they voted unanimously to accept the S. S. C. E. constitution. Although more heavily burdened financially than any church I have yet visited, they are willing to do yet a little more for Christ's cause. Upon their acceptance of the constitution, ten new members were added to their society. May they all prove to be earnest, faithful workers.

From Pittsburg I went to Louisville, Ohio, Brother Kimmel's charge. It was a real pleasure to meet there the friends and acquaintances I had formed a few years ago when visiting there. We spent three evenings with them, doing what we could to encourage and enthuse them in the S. S. C. E. work. Their society is one of the oldest in the brotherhood, having been organized under the constitution adopted at Ashland Conference in '87. I am now at Middle Branch. Here they have no society, but I shall explain the purpose of the S. S. C. E. to-night and make an effort to organize.

Many of you have read in the EVANGELIST, Sister Beachley's suggestion by which to add funds to our S. S. C. E. treasury at our coming Conference at Ashland. The suggestion was this, that every member of the society donate some article for this purpose. Send it to Conference by the delegates. There in one of the empty rooms of the College, these articles will be for sale between the sessions of the Conference. Let each sister who donates an article, pin upon it a card containing the price at which she values the article, her name, and the purpose for which the money received for the article shall be used,—whether for mission purposes, for the Theological chair, or for the superannuated minister's fund. The articles should be such as will be useful and salable,—such as bonnets, aprons, bureau

and stand scarfs, children's dresses, etc. Many persons will be glad to purchase these articles and take them home with them, partly because they will be a memento of the pleasures enjoyed at the Conference, and partly because in this way they can help the S. S. C. E. cause. The object in putting the name of the donor upon the article is this: There will, we trust be articles there from all over the brotherhood. Some sister, say Mrs. Beachley or Mrs. Holsinger or Mrs. Keim has an article upon the table, and another sister, an old time friend of one of these sisters sees her article with her name upon it, this will be an inducement to her to purchase it. She will be glad to take home with her the work of the hands of her friend. No matter how simple it is she will prize it if fashioned by the fingers of one she has long loved. We would suggest that the articles be not expensive, but that they be neatly, nicely made. Better contribute two or three articles of small value than one of larger value, the former having more ready sale. Now, the brethren are not to be excluded from this. They two are solicited to contribute to this sale. If they cannot themselves fashion some article, they can furnish material, and let the sisters do the work. We hope all our presidents will at once put this matter before their societies, and in addition to this that the officers will personally encourage each member to contribute something however small. Nor need this be limited to members of the S. S. C. E. There may be sisters from churches where there is no society, who would be glad to donate something; any donation from them will be most gratefully received.

Now, dear Sisters, let us hear from you in regard to this,—either through the columns of the EVANGELIST, or by private letter. This is our first undertaking of the kind, let us make it a success. I have talked personally with many of our sisters and they express themselves favorable to the project, some having already decided what their donation shall be. Let us put forth earnest efforts, to increase the funds in our S. S. C. E. treasury. Especially let us endeavor to increase our Theological chair fund, it is the most urgent need at present.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

### FROM LANARK, ILL.

While we have a good S. S. C. E. in our church at Lanark, yet the young sisters did not seem willing to help with the work, consequently about six months ago some of the sisters met and organized a Young People's Aid Society. We call it

"The Success." We have at present a membership of about fifteen. Some very earnest and enthusiastic workers. Some of our most enthusiastic members did not attend the S. S. C. E. meetings. We believe it is because young people like their separate organizations. For the present we will keep our funds in the home church, but we hope in the future to help with the national work. We have at this time a silk quilt nearly completed. Besides we have pieced one calico quilt and nearly another. Made lace, mitts, etc., and we hope as we meet from time to time that we may accomplish some good for ourselves and may occasionally lend a helping hand to some who have many burdens to bear. Our society meets every two weeks on Saturday afternoons, as this afternoon is more suitable for those who live in the country.

EMMA PUTERBAUGH.

### KEEP YOUR WORD.

Heredity may be made altogether too much of a scape-goat. A child develops, for instance, a most unaccounted habit of lying or deceit. The parents are distressed and charge the blame to some remote ancestor. At the same time they are unconsciously teaching prevarication by breaking promises made to the child.

"Be a good boy," says the mother, "and you shall go to drive with papa this afternoon."

The child struggles bravely to fulfill the condition. To him the hours of waiting seem like days. At length the eagerly anticipated time arrives, and the parents drive gaily off, comforting the sobbing boy with a promise to bring him some candy. Possibly this pledge also they fail to fulfill.

President Lincoln was exceedingly strict in keeping faith with his children, and required the same fidelity in others. At one time a visitor at the White House persuaded little Tad to sit on his knee by promising as a reward the charm on his watch chain. Shortly after, as the man was about to dismiss the child with no further thought of the lightly-spoken promise, the President said sternly,

"Give him the charm, sir!" In confusion the man obeyed the bidding.

Lord Holland, the father of Charles James Fox, once told his boy that he should witness the pulling down of a stone-wall on the estate. Forgetting his promise, he had the masonry restored after it was demolished, that he might not fail in keeping his word to his son. Such scrupulous regard for the truth on the part of parents will go far towards counteracting an inherited tendency to falsehood on the part of children.—*Selected.*